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MEMORY DEVICE COMPRISING A SOURCE  
LOCAL INTERCONNECT**

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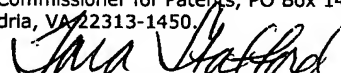
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The following reference is submitted for the Examiner's review:

**U.S. Patent Documents**

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4,892,840	01/1990	Esquivel et al.
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If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned agent at the number indicated.

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A Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.

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